

# The Trinity Times

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## The Purpose of Trinity Covenant Church is:

To invite people to enter into  
personal relationship with Jesus Christ  
and into His family,  
To enable them to grow in  
Christlike character,  
And to equip them for their ministry,  
So as to bring honor to God.



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is the monthly newsletter of

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And Where Our Members Are  
*Our Ministers*

## COVENANT WORLD RELIEF

*"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your  
good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

Matthew 5:16, NRSV

Each year Trinity joins with our denomination, the Evangelical  
Covenant Church, in the Covenant World Relief (CWR)  
campaign. The Covenant is a key member of World Relief, one  
of the most effective global humanitarian organizations that  
works to address the needs of the world's most desperately  
poor and hungry. And *you* can be a part of this great cause.

Starting February 7<sup>th</sup>, in our church lobby you can find CWR  
soup-can labels and lids. Take these home and affix them to  
your own empty soup cans, and at mealtimes or other  
regular intervals from now through February 22<sup>nd</sup>, place your  
loose change or other incremental contribution in the soup-  
can bank. Then bring your bank to Trinity on February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
and we'll join our collections together for the cause.  
Alternatively, you can write a check and place it in the  
envelopes we'll provide on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, or contribute online at  
[www.covchurch.org/cwr](http://www.covchurch.org/cwr). You'll be helping to meet the needs  
of those who greatly benefit from your generosity.

As of this writing, CWR has received nearly a half-million  
dollars to provide relief specifically in response to the  
earthquake in Haiti. Please join in the effort.

Thank you!

## **YES, WE'RE ALREADY THINKING ABOUT SUMMER VBS!**

Vacation Bible School has been an exciting and successful ministry at Trinity for ten years now. "Behind the scenes" – and way in advance – it takes a team of enthusiastic people, careful preparation and coordination, fun and fellowship, and of course prayer to bring VBS together. The Christian Education Commission is already looking for volunteers for this year's rainforest adventure called "SonQuest."

We will have a preliminary meeting on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at church. Everyone is welcome. For questions, please contact Joan, Claudia, Mary Lou or Sherry. Thank you for your interest in our youth!

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>**

On August 16, 2009, our congregation established a committee to plan for a sabbatical for Pastor Dave. With the committee's guidance, he applied to the Louisville Institute, which awards grants for pastoral sabbaticals. We were informed in December that we would not receive a grant. After investigating other foundations and sources of funds and finding none available, the committee decided to pursue another option: (1) to reduce the activities and costs associated with the sabbatical and (2) to ask the congregation for contributions to make the sabbatical possible. Any funds used for the sabbatical would be outside the regular church finances.

After worship on February 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a congregational meeting to provide an update on the committee's current thinking about the sabbatical.

Sabbatical committee members are: Ruth Bernadt, Pastor Dave Chandler, Malcolm Cummings, Judy Jennings, Anil Mathew, Claudia Peterson, Sandi Soucy, and Marilyn Anderson, chair.

### **EASTER CHOIR STARTING SOON!**

Music Leader Kurt Galvan invites you to be part of our seasonal Choir for Easter. This year the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus comes on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please let Kurt know of your interest. Rehearsals are to begin in the coming weeks.

## **YOUR PRESENCE IS WELCOME AT APPLE REHAB**

Six times a year people from our church visit Apple Rehab (formerly Plainville Healthcare Center) on Farmington Avenue. Residents of Apple Rehab gather to sing, pray, and listen to a short talk. Three leaders from our church conduct the song services: Ruth Bernadt, Mal Cummings, and Marilyn Anderson. Margaret Carlson plays the piano.

The attendees at the song service seem to really appreciate our visits. Many of them, however, have difficulty finding the correct page in the songbook. It would be great for the leaders to have a helper or two present. We welcome you to come with us from 2:30 to 3:00 on any of these dates in 2010: March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, September 16<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>, and December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your presence would be appreciated at this community outreach.

Marilyn Anderson  
for the Worship Commission

## **TRINITY COVENANT YOUTH GROUP – 2010**

Young people ages 9 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Trinity Covenant's Youth Group in 2010!

Our meetings will be on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00. Kara Blandino will lead worship songs and discussion. A fun game and refreshments will also be part of the evening.

An adult volunteer from a church family will be at each meeting.  
Dates for the Youth Group meetings:

February 28  
March 14

April 18  
May 16

June 13

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Live flowers are a welcome addition to the Morning Worship Service at Trinity. If you would like to provide a floral arrangement for the altar to memorialize a loved one or to commemorate a special event or anniversary, please notify the church office at least one week in advance.

## **SUNDAY BULLETINS**

Sunday bulletins are now available at the front of the sanctuary for those who enter the church via the door on the south side of the building (entering from the handicapped-access ramp).

## LENTEN SERVICES IN PLAINVILLE

Lent – the season of 40 days in the Christian Church calendar leading up to Easter Day (which this year is April 4<sup>th</sup>) – begins on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The Plainville Conference of Churches has planned a series of Lenten Services to be held at 7 p.m. on the following Thursdays at the following churches, with each gathering to be followed by a reception at the host church. Dates and locations are subject to change, but we want to let you know this information now so you can plan to join in the gatherings.

February 25<sup>th</sup> at Plainville United Methodist Church  
March 4<sup>th</sup> at Redeemer AME Zion Church  
March 11<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church  
March 18<sup>th</sup> at Trinity  
March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Congregational Church of Plainville

## **TRINITY TO POST NOTICES ON TV, RADIO WEATHER-CANCELLATION LISTS**

Trinity is registered with local media outlets to post notices of delays or cancellations of church events due to weather. If, prior to a church event, we have a weather forecast citing potentially hazardous travel conditions, you can tune into to WTIC-AM 1080 Radio, WFSB-TV Channel 3, or NBC-30 TV (Channel 30) to check Trinity's schedule status. At such times we will also send out group e-mail notices and can post word on our church website.

## **“IRON SHARPENS IRON” MEN’S CONFERENCE COMING SOON**

Attention Men! The “Iron Sharpens Iron” Men’s Conference is taking place at the First Cathedral in Bloomfield on **Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. All Trinity men are welcome to come. This one-day conference is for men of all ages, with seminars for those in various stages of life starting at age 13. There will be 16 different seminars for men at this conference, and among the guest speakers is the Rev. Barry Black, chaplain of the U.S. Senate. More information will be out soon, or you can learn more at *www.IronSharpensIron.net*. Save the date!

### **PLEASE HOST A COFFEE HOUR**

A signup sheet for hosting coffee hours is posted in the church lobby. Please consider preparing a coffee hour after Morning Worship on an upcoming Sunday. All you need to do is make a pot of coffee and provide some juice and light snack such as cookies, cake, and/or fruit. It is always fun to socialize after church.

Thank you,

Ruby Harper  
Chair of Congregational Care

### **THANKS FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF**

Please receive our thanks for your gifts to each of us this past Christmas weekend. The previous issue of the *Trinity Times* had been distributed just prior to us receiving the gifts, so this word of gratitude comes later than usual. But please know that our appreciation continues. We know this is a financially challenging time for many, and so we all the more welcome your kindness to us.

God's blessings to all of you in 2010,

Pastor Dave, Anita Nyberg, and Kurt Galvan

### **UPCOMING GATHERINGS AT THE PINES**

Please take note of these mind- and faith-growing opportunities at Pilgrim Pines Conference Center in beautiful southern New Hampshire:

- February 5-7, Trailblazer (Grades 4-6) Winter Retreat
- February 12-15, Family Winter Weekend
- February 19-21, March 5-7, Junior High (Grades 7-9) Retreats

In addition to church-centered gatherings, the Pines carries on a great service to seniors in the broader public as a hosting site for many Elderhostel "Adventures in Life-Long Learning" programs held during most months of the year. For information on these and other programs, call the Pines at 603/352-0443, visit [www.pilgrimpines.org](http://www.pilgrimpines.org), or e-mail [info@pilgrimpines.org](mailto:info@pilgrimpines.org).

## **TIME TO PLAN FOR CAMP SQUANTO**

### **NEWS FLASH: Registration brochures for Camp Squanto this summer are available!**

Camp Squanto is that portion of Pilgrim Pines that hosts camping experiences for children and youth (those entering grades 2-12 this coming fall) from late June through mid-August. Camps are one week long, except for a three-day camp for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders, and a one-month “Teen Leadership Challenge” for 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. “Camperships” to help cover registration costs may be available. And please note that while it’s still winter in New England, New Englanders like to plan ahead – the early-bird registration deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>! Loads of information, including online registration, are available at [www.pilgrimpines.org/CampSquanto.htm](http://www.pilgrimpines.org/CampSquanto.htm).

## **A NEW ADDRESS TO NOTE**

Long-time Trinity member Judith Johnson has lived for many years now at the Gables of Guilford, a senior-living community in that southern Connecticut town. Judith’s son Richard shares with us that Judith has recently moved to Atria Larson Place, a senior residence in Hamden, where she is in closer proximity to the homes of her three sons. Her address is updated in the following list.

## **SEND A CARD, SAY A PRAYER**

Here are church members and friends who live in retirement communities, who may miss church because of physical challenges, or who are ill or otherwise just need our prayers and a card:

\* Ruth Bridgwater, Parkway Health Center, 800 SE Central Pkwy, Rm. 109, Stuart, FL 34994

\* Mary Carrione (Mary Lou Freitas’s mother), Newington Health Care, 240 Church Street, Newington, CT 06111

\* Mary Eschenbrenner, 12 McKernan Drive, Plainville, CT 06062

\* Judith Johnson, Atria Larson Place, 1450 Whitney Avenue, Apt. 113, Hamden, CT 06517  
(Please note this is a new address for Judith)

\* Richard Keller, c/o the Simons family, 37 Basswood Street, Plainville, CT 06062

\* Annie Larson, 88 Scott Swamp Road, Apt. 313, Farmington, CT 06032

\* Ruth Lunn, c/o Charles Lunn, 11 Lakeside Drive, Bristol, CT 06010

\* David Peterson, Pilgrim Manor Care Center, Room 22, Missionary Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416

\* Myrtle Pipeling, 57 Plum Tree Road, Plainville, CT 06062

\* Emma Selander, 75 Perry Road, Forestville, CT 06010

**PREPARING FOR, AND SERVING ON, SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH**

**VOLUNTEER CUSTODIANS**

**February**

7 Dick & Marilyn Anderson  
14 Dale Johnson  
21 Ruth Bernadt  
28 Dick & Marilyn Anderson

**March**

7 Mathew Family  
14 Claudia & Dick Peterson  
21 Claudia & Dick Peterson  
28 Dale Johnson

**NURSERY CAREGIVERS**

**February**

7 Nancy Johnson & Jackie Damon  
14 Marilyn Anderson & Sherry Eschenbrenner  
21 Renee Cortland & Ann DiFrancesco  
28 Mary Lou Freitas & Ruby Harper

**March**

7 Edie Chandler & Jen Leander  
14 Joan Charneski & Ruth Bernadt  
21 Jackie Damon & Sherry  
Eschenbrenner  
28 Marilyn Anderson & Ann  
DiFrancesco

**USHERS**

**February**

Marvin Anderson & Eddie Crane

**March**

Richard Anderson & Scott Peterson

**COMMUNION PREPARERS**

**February**

Mal Cummings & Ruby Harper

**March**

Audrey & Stan Kasakowski

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

**February**

Rob Jones, Everett Selander  
Richard & Marilyn Anderson

**March**

Marvin & June Anderson  
Dale & Nancy Johnson

**BIBLE READERS**

**February**

7 Dale Johnson  
14 Sarah Mathew  
21 Ricky Freitas  
28 Savannah Freitas

**March**

7 Abigail Chandler  
14 Carol Valauskas  
21 Jon Platt  
28 Allison Platt (op)

**APPLE REHAB CENTER SONG SERVICE**

**March 4** Marilyn Anderson, Leader      Margaret Carlson, Pianist

**DATES OF NOTE AMONG TRINITY FOLK**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Ted Cortland
- 7 Bertil Carlson
- 8 Marvin Anderson
- 8 David Pearson
- 12 Gail Pipeling
- 13 Ruth Lunn
- 17 Dale Johnson
- 18 Eddie Crane
- 19 Tim Johnson

- 20 Carol Nilson
- 23 Carl Schadler
- 27 Edmund Valauskas
- 28 Donald Goranson

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 Donald & Alice Rogers
- 19 Edmund & Carol Valauskas

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 6 Nate DeAngelo
- 6 Mitchell Peterson
- 7 Catherine Simons
- 9 Alice Rogers
- 14 Daniel Mathew
- 16 Kristen Blandino
- 16 David Maar
- 17 Juan Rosario
- 20 Brandy Simons

- 22 Bill Gadzik
- 23 Andreia DeAngelo
- 24 Richard LaPlume
- 30 Marilyn Anderson
- 30 Reneé Cortland

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 9 Joe & Mary Lou Freitas

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